(ii) The details of State-wise release of funds under NLCPR and NEC during the last three years are as under:

(Rs. in crore)

Sl. No.	State	NLCPR			NEC		
		2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06
1	Arunachal Pradesh	61.19	39.43	83.96	41.16	33.31	48.92
2	Assam	113.94	249.07	219.11	154.63	122.92	84.33
3	Manipur	18.05	58.98	44.85	11.35	20.10	19.27
4	Maghalaya	49.99	21.71	27.50	16.07	21.94	27.95
5	Mizoram	99.55	42.38	41.04	24.15	50.62	42.21
6	Nagaland	84.17	73.06	97.95	32.45	20.92	25.18
7	Sikkim	53.24	59.75	53.21	13.66	23.98	15.86
8	Tripura	69.87	105.62	111.55	28.81	30.58	25.93

State-wise releases are not made as far as the other Schemes are concerned.

(b) The number of retained proposals under NLCPR in the form of Detailed Project Reports pending with the Ministry of DoNER, other Central Ministries and State Government are 14,44 and 78 respectively, Under NEC, 3 proposals are pending with the Government for EFC clearance.

Socio-economic development of NER

556. SHRI MANOHAR JOSHI: Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have identified specified 'thrust areas' for the socio-economic development of North Eastern region;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have formulated any plan for the development of road and railway network in this region;

(d) whether Government have also any specific strategy to develop domistic and international tourism in this region; and

(e) if so, the details thereof;

THE MINISTER OF DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION (SHRI P.R. KYNDIAH): (a) and (b) Recognizing the problems of infrastructural bottleneck, connectivity, communication and basic services, special attention is given to the socio-economic development of the region. The Approach to the Tenth Plan spelt out the objectives of economic growth with enhancement of human well-being through adequate level of food consumption, access to basic services, expansion of economic and social apportunities, reduction of desparities, etc. States of NER have accordingly identified the priority areas in their Plans in the light of the objectives laid down in the Approach to the Tenth Plan.

(c) to (e) (i) **Road**—The Government has formulated the Special Accelerated Road Development Programme (SARDP-NE) for the NER. Phase-A of this Programme, comprising improvement of 1310 km lenght of National Highways, state Roads and GS Roads at an estimated cost of Rs. 4618 crore has been approved for implementation and Phase-B, comprising 6306 km roads has been approved for preparation of Detailed Project Reports.

(ii) **Railways**—As regard to the development of railways network is concerned, 6 new line and 5 gauge conversion works are in progress providing connectivity to capital cities, upper Assam and Arunachal Pradesh and removing transshipment points due to gauge conversion. The on-going works under defferent categories are as under:

Projects which will provide connectivity to capital cities	(i)	Kumarghat-Agartala NL
	(ii)	Harmuti-Itanagar (Alternate alignment Bedati-Itanagar is being surveyed) NL
	(iii)	Jiribam-Imphal (Tupul) NL
Megabridge project connecting North and South bank	(i)	Rail-cum Road bridge at Bogibeel near Dibrugarh.
Other Works	(i)	Gauge Conversion of New Jalpaiguri/Siliguri-New Bongaigoan (linked branch lines).
	(ii)	Senchaa-Silghat (56 kms.) & Haibargaon-Mairabari of Lumbding-Dibrugarh including linked branches.

(iii) Gauge Conversion of Lumding-Silchar and extn. from Badarpur to Baraigram.

(iv) New line from New Maynaguri-Jogighopa.

(v) New line from Dudnoi to Depa (land not made available so far).

(vi) Gauge Conversion of Katkhal-Bairabhi.

(vii) Rangia-Murkongselek GC along with linked fingers.

(iii) **Tourism**—As per the information received from Ministry of Tourism, the perpective and vision is to develop North-East as a unique sustainable eco-tourism destination with emphasis on the 'alert independent traveller' with the objective of unlocking the three tourism pillars of the North East-Nature, Culture & Religion so as to provide a competitive advantage to the Region.

Projects under NLCPR

557. SHRI MATILAL SARKAR: Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the projects proposed by State Government of Tripura to be taken under NLCPR during the years 2005-06 and 2006-07;

(b) the projects accepted and the amount earmarked;

(c) the projects not accepted; and

(d) the reasons for not accepting the projects?

THE MINISTER OF DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION (SHRI P.R. KYNDIAH): (a) The names of projects proposed by the State Government of Tripura in their Priority Lists of projects for 2005-06 and 2006-07 are given in Column 2 of table in the Statement (*See* below).

(b) and (c) The status of these projects alongwith the estimated cost is given in Column 3 and 4 of the table in the Statement. (*See* below).

(d) The projects under NLCPR are retained for techno-economic examination and then sanctioned, keeping in view a number of factors